

**14-12. Civil Judicial Enforcement Actions, Including Collection Actions
(1200 TN 350 14-12)****1. AUTHORITY.**

- a. To request the Attorney General (AG) to appear and represent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in any civil enforcement action and to intervene in any civil enforcement action instituted under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended, including civil judicial collection actions; and
- b. To request the AG to decline to prosecute a previously referred civil judicial action or cease prosecution of a previously filed civil enforcement action.

2. TO WHOM DELEGATED. Deputy Regional Administrator.**3. LIMITATIONS.**

- a. The delegatee must obtain the advance concurrence of the Regional Counsel (RC) on the legal sufficiency of the action before exercising these authorities. The RC may waive concurrence in writing.
- b. The Assistant Administrator for the Office of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance (AA/OECA) must notify the appropriate Regional Administrator prior to exercising these authorities.
- c. The delegatee must notify the AA/OECA prior to exercising the authority in 1.b. and when exercising the authority in 1.a. The AA/OECA may waive the requirement for notification in writing.

4. REDELEGATION AUTHORITY.

- a. The authorities in 1.a. and 1.b. may be redelegated to the branch chief level and no further. This authority may not be redelegated without formal amendment.
- b. An official who redelegates an authority retains the right to exercise or withdraw the authority. Redelegated authority may be exercised by any official in the chain of command down to the official to whom it has been specifically delegated.

5. ADDITIONAL REFERENCES.

- a. Memorandum of Understanding between the Agency and the Department of Justice, June 1977, 42 Fed. Reg. 48942 (1977).
- b. Sections 104, 106, 107, 109, and 122 of CERCLA.
- c. Delegation 14-13C.

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6. SUPERSESSION. Delegations Manual, CERCLA, Regional Delegation 14-12. Civil Judicial Enforcement Actions, Including Collection Actions, 1200 TN RIII 196 (April 11, 2017).

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